

**Remarks**

The Office Action mailed November 6, 2006 has been received and reviewed. Claim 1 is pending in the application. Claims 2-26 had been cancelled previously. Claim 1 has been amended as previously set forth. All amendments and cancellations are made without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

**Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claim 1 has been amended to specify the cross-linker as "SMPT." Since the specification admittedly "discloses the use of SMPT as a cross-linker," amended claim 1 complies with the written description requirement. Withdrawal of the rejection is thus respectfully requested.

**Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Scannon. Scannon discloses that immunotoxins can be prepared by chemical linkage using a disulfide bond linker SPDP, but Scannon does not disclose a chemical linkage by SMPT. Claim 1 has been amended to specify SMPT as the linker between the antibodies and ricin A. As acknowledged by the Office, SMPT "has a unique chemical structure and properties not found in disulfide bond containing chemical linkers per se (it has a particular chemical structure, tertiary structure and has a hindered disulfide bond)." Office Action, page 1. Therefore, Scannon does not disclose all elements of claim 1. Withdrawal of the rejection is thus respectfully requested.

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If questions should remain after consideration of the foregoing, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact applicants' agent at the address or telephone number given herein.

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